

Jamar K. Walker, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Jorge A. Rodriguez, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today.
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:31 a.m. and adjourned at 8:46 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3279.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DOI

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Deb Haaland, Secretary of the Interior.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David P. Pekoske, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

LOWERING ENERGY PRICES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy concluded a hearing to examine pathways to lower energy prices in the United States, after receiving testimony from Julie Fedorchak, North Dakota Public Service Commission, and Ron Ness, North Dakota Petroleum Council, both of Bismarck; David J. Bissell, Kaua'i Island

Utility Cooperative, Lihue, Hawaii; and John Larsen, Rhodium Group, Pelham, Massachusetts.

AIR QUALITY MONITORING LEGISLATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1345, to establish a national mercury monitoring program, S. 2476, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a pilot program for hyperlocal air quality monitoring projects in environmental justice communities, and an original bill entitled, "Public Health Air Quality Act", after receiving testimony from Senator Collins; Representative Blunt Rochester; J. Alfredo Gomez, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Kathy Fallon, Clean Air Task Force, Boston, Massachusetts; Jason Isaac, Life:Powered, Austin, Texas; Dana Johnson, WE ACT for Environmental Justice, Washington, D.C.; and Bart Eklund, Haley and Aldrich, McLean, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Dean R. Thompson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Nepal, who was introduced by Senator Van Hollen, Robert F. Godec, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, Yohannes Abraham, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Richard Lee Buangan, of California, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, and Marie C. Damour, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

REPRODUCTIVE CARE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reproductive care in a post-Roe America, focusing on barriers, challenges, and threats to women's health, after receiving testimony from Kristyn Brandi, Physicians for Reproductive Health, New Jersey; Samie Detzer, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, New York; Jamila K. Taylor, The Century Foundation, D.C.; and Brandi Swindell, Stanton Healthcare, Idaho.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Roselyn Tso, of Oregon, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Roopali H. Desai, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Sinema, Doris L. Pryor, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Young, and Maria del R. Antongiorgi-Jordan, Gina R. Mendez-Miro, and Camille L. Velez-Rive, all of Puerto Rico, each to be a United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

OFFICE OF DISASTER ASSISTANCE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Small Business Administration's Office of Disaster Assistance, after receiving testimony from Francisco Sanchez, Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration.

LEGISLATIVE HEARING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3372, to amend title 38, United States Code, to strengthen benefits for children of Vietnam veterans born with spina bifida, S. 3548, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service-connection for certain veterans with tinnitus or hearing loss, S. 3606, to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the requirement to specify an effective period of transfer of Post-9/11 educational assistance to a dependent, S. 3994, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to repay the estates of deceased beneficiaries for certain

benefits paid by the Secretary and misused by fiduciaries of such beneficiaries, S. 4141, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs an Advisory Committee on United States Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States, S. 4208, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update the appraisal requirements for certain loans guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 4223, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2022, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, S. 4308, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the definition of spouse and surviving spouse to include all individuals lawfully married, S. 4319, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to regularly promote programs under chapter 31 of such title, S. 4458, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the process by which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines whether an educational institution meets requirements relating to the percentage of students who receive educational assistance furnished by the Secretary, an original bill entitled, "Native American Direct Loan Improvement Act", an original bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to address the operation and maintenance of veterans' cemeteries on trust land owned by, or held in trust for, tribal organizations, and an original bill entitled, "No Bonuses For Bad Exams Act", after receiving testimony from Beth Murphy, Executive Director, and Jocelyn Moses, Senior Principal Advisor, both of the Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, and James Ruhlman, Deputy Director for Program Management, Education Service, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Kristina Keenan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and Anne H. Meehan, American Council on Education, both of Washington, D.C.; and Michael McLaughlin, National Association of County Veterans Service Officers, Blue Earth County, Minnesota.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 8343–8370; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 98–99; and H. Res. 1225–1226 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1224, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7900) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2023 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to